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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6, 10, 12-14, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chmaytelli (PCT/US01/128491).

With respect to claim 1, Chmaytelli discloses the communication apparatus, comprising: a transmitter capable of transmitting an electromagnetic signal; a first interface for interfacing with a first storage means 212 and a control unit 206 capable of urging the transmitter to transmit the electromagnetic signal and using the first interface to store a message entry in the first storage means 212, characterized in that: a second interface for interfacing with a second storage means 212 is present; the control unit 206 is capable of using the second interface to store, in the second storage means 212, a time entry specifying at least one of the elements date and time, an address entry specifying a communication address, and a relation between the time entry, the address entry, and the message entry; the control unit 206 comprises an auto-dialer capable of initiating transmission of the message entry to the communication address when

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triggered; and a timing device is present, capable of triggering the auto-dialer in dependence upon the time entry. 1013-1014]

With respect to claim 2, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein that the control unit 206 uses the first interface to store an electromagnetic signal received from a microphone 204 as a message entry in the first storage means 212.

With respect to claim 3, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an element allowing transmission to a wireless network. [1007]

With respect to claim 4, Chmaytelli discloses a communication apparatus, comprising:

- a first memory 212;

- a second memory 212;

- a transmitter 214 that transmits an electromagnetic signal;

- a first interface that interfaces with the first memory;

- a second interface that interfaces with the second memory;

- a control unit 206 that:

 - signals the transmitter 214 to transmit the electromagnetic signal; [1014]

uses the first interface to store a message entry in the first memory 212; and uses the first interface to store a message entry in the second memory, a time entry specifying at least one of a date and a time, an address entry specifying a communication address, and a relation between the time entry, the address communication address and a relation between the time entry, the address entry, and the message entry;[1013-1014]

an autodialer 206 that initiates transmission of the message entry to the communication address when triggered; and

a timing device 114 that triggers the auto-dialer to transmit the message entry to the specified communication address at the at least one of date and time specified in the time entry.[1011]

With respect to claim 5, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control unit 206 uses the second interface to store, in the second storage means 212, multiple address entries and a relation between the message entry and the multiple address entries. [1013]

With respect to claim 6, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the control unit 206 uses the second interface to store, in the second storage 212 means, multiple time entries 114 and a relation between the multiple address entries and the multiple time entries. [1009]

With respect to claim 10, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the control unit 206 is capable of attempting transmission to the communication address several times in order to successfully complete transmission of the message. [1009]

With respect to claim 12, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a notification is generated when the transmitter has successfully completed transmission of the message. [1011]

With respect to claim 13, Chmaytelli discloses a machine readable medium having stored thereon communication software enabling, upon its execution, a programmable apparatus Fig.2 to function as a communication apparatus, comprising: a function 114 for receiving a time entry specifying at least one of the elements date and time, an address entry specifying a communication address, and a message entry; and a function for transmitting the message entry to the communication address depending on the time entry. [1009-1011]

With respect to claim 14, Chmaytelli discloses the machine readable medium as claimed in claim 13, wherein the communication software is stored on a record carrier 212. [1014]

With respect to claim 16, Chmaytelli discloses the apparatus according to claim 4, wherein multiple address entries specifying multiple communication addresses are associated with the message entry.[1010]

With respect to claim 17, Chmaytelli discloses the apparatus according to claim 4, wherein multiple dates and times are associated with the message entry.

With respect to claim 18, Chmaytelli discloses the apparatus according to claim 4, wherein multiple dates and times are associated with a given address entry.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 7-9, 11, 15, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chmaytelli (PCT/US01/28491) in view of Garudadri (US 6,519,479).

With respect to claim 7, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, however Chmaytelli does not specifically disclose wherein the transmitter is capable of transmitting a message entry with a prefix indicating that a message will follow.

However the Garudadri reference discloses the device, wherein a user inputs by a keypad or audibly by microphone into a VR device, wherein a message will follow the prefix. (Col.5 lines 35-52)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the microphone input and VR device as disclosed by Garudadri to the apparatus of Chmaytelli in order to input audible commands by the user to the device.

With respect to claim 8, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 7, however Chmaytelli does not specifically disclose wherein the prefix comprises an electromagnetic signal received from a microphone.

However the Garudadri reference discloses a microphone (31) wherein an audible message being input by a user is translated into a electromagnetic signal. (Col.6 lines 45-51)

With respect to claim 9, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 1, however Chmaytelli does not specifically disclose wherein the apparatus further including a speech recognizer recognizing at least one of the entries date, address and message.

The Garudadri reference however discloses an apparatus wherein a speech recognizer, VR device which is able to interpret a users voice. (Col.6 lines 45-51)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a VR device that is a speech recognizer as disclosed by Garudadri to the apparatus of Chmaytelli in order to be able translate an audible signal from a user to the apparatus.

With respect to claim 11, Chmaytelli discloses an apparatus as claimed in claim 10, however Chmaytelli does not specifically disclose wherein the apparatus is characterized in that the control unit is capable of detecting communication with a machine and stopping transmission of the message if communication with a machine is detected.

The Garudadri reference however discloses wherein a control unit 100 is capable of detecting communication with a machine and stopping if a transmission is detected. (Col.10 lines 14-22)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the detection of communication between the apparatus and a secondary machine as disclosed and stopping if a transmission is detected by Garudadri to the apparatus of Chmaytelli in order to allow the apparatus to stop transmission.

With respect to claim 15, Chmaytelli discloses the apparatus according to claim 4, however does not specifically disclose wherein the apparatus includes at least one of

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a mobile phone or a personal digital assistant (PDA) with a wireless LAN compactFlash card, which enables wireless transmission of the message.

The Garudadri reference however discloses wherein an apparatus can use flash memory in order to store instructions to operate the device. (Col.11 line 52-65)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the use of a flash card to contain the software, which allows the apparatus to function as disclosed by Garudadri with the apparatus of Chmaytelli in order provide additional software and space for the apparatus.

With respect to claim 19, Chmaytelli discloses the apparatus according to claim 4, however Chmaytelli does not specifically disclose wherein the apparatus further including a speech recognizer that recognizes at least one of a date and time entry, a message entry, or address entry.

The Garudadri reference however discloses an apparatus wherein a speech recognizer, VR device which is able to interpret a users voice. (Col.6 lines 45-51)

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a VR device that is a speech recognizer as disclosed by Garudadri to the apparatus of Chmaytelli in order to be able translate an audible signal from a user to the apparatus.

With respect to claim 20, Chmaytelli and Garudadri combined disclose the apparatus of claim 19, Garudadri further discloses wherein the apparatus is including a

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microphone 204 into which a user speaks to enter at least one of the time and date entry, the message entry, or the address entry.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see page 9 filed 1/25/07, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Chmaytelli (PCT/US01/28491).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chan whose telephone number is (571) 272-0570. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9AM - 5PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571)272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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